IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Basil Rapoport

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Entitled:

DISEASE ASSOCIATED HUMAN AUTOANTIBODIES

SPECIFIC FOR HUMAN THYROID PEROXIDASE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed 21 January 1998, in connection with the captioned application, the time period for response having been extended by the accompanying Petition and corresponding fee, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following. Please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the application as follows:

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure without prejudice, and insert therefor. This Disclosed are DNA sequences encoding novel human thyroid peroxidase proteins and polypeptides capable of being secreted from cells, vectors comprising the sequences, and cells transformed with the vectors.

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